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PALMETTO GLEANINGS

Minor Events of the Week in a Brief Form.

The following new concerns have been chartered: Stone Land Company, of Greenville, (commission), Capital stock \$25,000. Corporators, W. G. Shirree and F. L. Stone. Bowman Loan and Trust Company, of Bowman's (charter), Capital stock \$5,000. L. F. Easterlin, president; T. E. Bruce, secretary and treasurer. Robison-Elliott Company, of Bushboro (commission). The company proposes to engage in farming. Capital stock \$30,000. Corporators, T. K. Elliott, vice president and general manager; J. L. Robison. Gaffney Brick Company (charter). Capital stock, \$5,000. Corporators, Thompson Robbs and J. H. Curry. Pauline Oil Mill Company, of Kershaw, South Carolina (commission). Capital stock \$15,000. Corporators, S. T. D. Lancaster, B. D. Foster, W. S. Montgomery. Lydia Gin Company, of Lydia, in Darlington county (charter). Capital stock, \$3,000. O. D. Lee, president and general manager; W. F. Dargan, secretary. Sunter Light, Ice and Power Company, of Sunter (charter). Perry Moses, president; F. A. Bultman, secretary and treasurer. Capital stock \$70,000. James L. Tapp Company, of Columbia department (commission). Capital stock \$100,000. Corporators, Jas. L. Tapp, formerly of Charlotte, and W. H. Lyles and John J. McMahon. The company will open at the McCreey stand at once.

SOUTH CAROLINA GLEANINGS

Now Recovering.

Greenville, Special.—William R. Gosnell, who was supposed to be dangerously wounded at Glassy Mountain church on Sunday, March 1st, is now ascertained, is speedily recovering from his wound. He was shot by Wade Bowers, a brother of Alexander Bowers, who was convicted last year for killing one of the Howards, and whose case has been in the supreme court on an appeal until a few days ago. He was sentenced to three years on the chain-gang, and when he heard that the supreme court refused to grant him a new trial, he came to Greenville and surrendered to the sheriff, who turned him over to the county supervisor and he is now helping to manumote the Humcombe road just outside the city limits. He read the supreme court decision in the newspapers and then returned. Wade Bowers is a young man not more than 20 years old, and it is not known what his future will be. He is a married man and about 35 years of age. The two men met in the road not far from the church on Sunday morning, and without any words passing between them Powers is said to have drawn his pistol and shot Gosnell, the ball passing through his overcoat into his right breast, inflicting a painful but not dangerous wound. It is reported that he has been working about his premises in the last few days. Gosnell is related to the Howards, and it is conjectured that the origin of this shooting dates back to the killing of Simpson Howard, for which Alexander Bowers is now serving a sentence on the gaug.

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

A Decree That Shows the Progress of the World's Thought

CZAR OF RUSSIA GROWS LIBERAL.

Local Self-Government Granted in Some Instances—A Long Step in Advance.

St. Petersburg, By Cable.—The Czar has published a decree providing for freedom of religion throughout his dominions, establishing to some degree local self-government and making other concessions to the village committees. The decree, which was issued in commemoration of the anniversary of the birthday of Alexander III, is considered to be the most significant act of state since the emancipation of the serfs. The public hailed it as the proclamation of an era opening up bright prospects of the early improvement of Russian internal administration. The text of the decree is in part as follows: "The trouble agitating our country, which to our deep regret have partly been sown by our desiring to bring the State and partly engendered by doctrines foreign to Russian life, hinder the general work of ameliorating the well-being of our people. These troubles confuse the public mind, remove the people from productive labor, and often ruin families dear to our hearts and young energies among high and low, necessary to the internal development of the country. In demanding fulfillment of this, our will, remaining strongly opposed to any violation of the normal course of national life, and having confidence that all will loyally discharge their local duties, we are irrevocably decided to satisfy the needs for which the State has become responsible. We have deemed it expedient to strengthen and decree the expedient observance of the principles of tolerance laid down in the fundamental laws of the Russian Empire, which, recognizing the Orthodox Church as the ruling one, grant to all our subjects of other religions and to all foreign persuasions freedom of creed and worship in accordance with other rites; and we are further resolved to continue the active carrying out of measures for the improvement of the material position of the orthodox rural clergy, while enabling them to take a larger share in intellectual and public life.

BUYS TOBACCO LANDS

Millionaire Morgan Knows a Good Thing When He Sees It

Tampa, Fla., Special.—Advices from Havana which are considered reliable state that while in Cuba recently J. Pierpont Morgan, representing the American Tobacco Company, closed negotiations for the purchase of all the lands in the Vuelta Abajo district, upon which is grown the finest grade of leaf tobacco in the world. It is used in the manufacture of cigars. The purpose of the purchase is to secure all of this fine tobacco exclusively for the use of the factories of the American Cigar Company, which is a branch of the American Tobacco Company. If these intentions are carried out in the independent clear Havana factories in Tampa, New Orleans, New York, and other cities, will have to look elsewhere for their fine grade of leaf tobacco, nearly all of them being supplied now from the fields reported to have been bought by Morgan. It will be a great blow to independent transactions. The sale involves several millions. Negotiations had to be conducted with a number of individual owners of lands. Of the largest clear Havana factories in this city four are owned and operated by the Havana-American Company.

LIVE ITEMS OF NEWS.

Many Matters of General Interest in Short Paragraphs.

The Sunny South.

Heavy floods are threatening towns on the lower Mississippi. The Southern Railway will greatly enlarge its shops at Spencer. The North Carolina General Assembly closed its biannual session Monday.

Secretary of the Navy Moody, with a party of officials, left Charleston, S. C., at noon Wednesday on the dispatch boat Dolphin for a cruise in the West Indies.

The condition of ex-Senator James K. Jones, of Arkansas, who has been ill for some time, is reported as improved. A prognosis of his health which lasted two days was greatly distressed the patient, but the physicians now have this unfavorable symptom under control and he will fully express the hope that he will entirely recover.

J. R. McIntosh, general counsel of the Southern division of the Postal Telegraph Company, who has been ill in Atlanta for some time with pneumonia, was last night reported to be in a very critical condition. He has, however, been practically abandoned, although his physicians state that he may live two or three days.

At The National Capital.

The blockade of the Orinoco by Venezuela is expected to develop fresh international complications. Representatives of the three American powers will meet at the State Department to consider the Pan-American railway project.

The President has nominated Wm. Plimley to be Assistant United States Treasurer at New York, succeeding the late Conrad Jordan.

At The North.

At Olean, N. Y., 18 to 20 persons were killed and double that number injured by an explosion of oil.

The unsatisfactory bank statement and the assignment of Dresser & Co. to the assets of the bank, which was the result of a \$250,000 cotton mill built by Lewis Nixon's company, was launched at Elizabethport, N. J. Miss Lillian Chambliss, daughter of the Mayor of Chattanooga, acting as sponsor.

The directors of the Western Union Telegraph Company declared the regular quarterly dividend of 1.44 per cent. A statement issued estimates the net revenue for the quarter ending March 31 at \$1,550,000.

Arthur R. Pennell co-respondent in the divorce suit of Edwin L. Burdick, who was mysteriously murdered at Buffalo, was charged to death in an automobile, and his wife, who was with him, is believed to be fatally injured.

Hon. William J. Bryan, addressing the Michigan Judicial Convention at Detroit, criticized ex-President Cleveland, J. P. Morgan and J. Edward Adair.

The stockholders of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company in annual meeting at Philadelphia, voted to increase the capital stock of the company by \$150,000,000, making the authorized capital \$1,000,000,000.

Judge E. B. Adams, at St. Louis, named March 17 as the date for hearing arguments on the Wabash Railroad injunction.

Six strange deaths on the Karamania which arrived in New York from Southern Europe, caused the health officials to suspect cholera and to order them all on the vessel detained in quarantine.

From Across The Sea.

Pope Leo XIII received a jubilee delegation of British Catholics. The British House of Commons began to debate on the army estimates.

The Naval Committee of the Reichstag cut down the Government's program for expenditures.

In the French Chamber of Deputies the Government was urged to acquire Morocco. Nineteen Italians are believed to have been drowned by the capsizing of a ferry boat on the Hudson river at Spier Falls, New York.

Lord Lovat was overcome with stage fright and sat down after completing only part of the first sentence of his maiden speech in the House of Lords.

The Amer of Afghanistan divorced all his wives but four. Pope Leo, it is announced, will receive pilgrims in Rome today.

A great automobile parade saluted Emperor William in Berlin. Townsville, North Queensland, has been visited by a cyclone, in which many persons were killed or injured.

SOUTHERN INDUSTRIAL

Lockhart Mills' Additions.

Lockhart (S. C.) Mills' stockholders will meet April 16 to ratify action of the directors in resolving to increase capital stock from \$250,000 to \$1,300,000. This meeting will be more formal than the Manufacturers' Record has contracted for the building mentioned. The enlargement which this increased capital is to pay for, namely, the erection of a No. 2 mill, planned for 50,000 spindles and 1,500 looms. Only 25,000 spindles and 750 looms will be installed upon the completion of the main structure. The other machinery will be installed after the first half of the equipment is in successful operation. The company is proceeding with the work involved in these extensive betterments. It has contracted for all the machinery, secured brick for the building, which will be a five-story structure, 120x150 feet, and the latter is now in progress of erection. A complete water works system requiring a 200,000-gallon reservoir and a steel bridge across Broad river will also be constructed. This new mill will employ about 600 people. The original Lockhart plant has 25,000 spindles and 800 looms.

Doubling a \$450,000 Mill.

The Monahan Mills of Greenville, S. C., will double its extensive plant. The directors and stockholders of the company have authorized the improvements, and will push them to completion this year. The present installation of textile machinery is 20,000 spindles and 750 looms, which will be duplicated in the extension to be erected. The character of product will continue to be the same, namely, wide print cloths, and wide shirtings for conversion. J. E. Chastain, Jr. has contracted to erect the mill extension, under agreement to complete it by August 15. All the machinery has been purchased.

Textile Notes.

R. B. Spencer of Dublin, Texas, is corresponding with Galveston (Texas) parties relative to the erection of a large cotton mill at Lubin.

G. C. McEberth, Piedmont, S. C., contemplates establishing a knitting mill. He wants information regarding the knitting industry, prices on machinery, etc.

It is proposed to establish a cotton factory at Bueatuna, Miss. M. A. Hooge, one of the town's merchants, offers to donate ten acres of land as site for the enterprise.

Messrs. M. Heiman, H. M. Remmel, John G. Flecher and others of Little Rock, Ark., proposed establishing a mill to secure \$150,000 at Little Rock and \$100,000 from outside capitalists.

Messrs. Ely Walker & Co., dry goods merchants of St. Louis, Mo., will establish at Tupelo, Miss., the knitting mill mentioned last month as proposed by them. About \$50,000 will be invested to start with. The product will be hosiery.

Messrs. W. L. Wecker, Henry Hudson, John F. Edington, J. C. Johnson and Leon Jouson have incorporated the Southern Textile Co. of Knoxville, Tenn., for manufacturing cotton, flax, hemp, etc. The capital stock is \$100,000. So further details stated.

J. H. Ruesh, Dayton, Va., contemplates installing machinery for the manufacture of hosiery or underwear. He merely wants to install a small number of machines in order to utilize surplus powers. Prices and other information are requested on the required machinery.

Avon Mills, Gastonia, N. C., was damaged only about \$3,000 worth by the windstorm referred to last week. Repairs to the building are already about completed. Stuart W. Cramer, Charlotte, N. C., is engineer in charge to furnish parts for the damaged machinery. About 10,000 spindles and 300 looms are operated.

Park Wooden Mills, Rossville, Ga., manufacturer of jeans and cassimeres, will enlarge and improve its plant. Company will erect additional building under its own supervision, of brick, 40 feet wide by 270 feet long, suitable for storage and for operating 180 looms. It is on the market for 80 narrow looms, three sets 60-inch cards and three pairs mules.

Extract Wood Mergo Co. of Chattanooga, Tenn., reported last month as to increase capital from \$20,000 to \$100,000. It has taken this action. It will erect an additional building three stories high and install new machinery to about double present capacity. Its product is shoddy (wool secured from old rags and cloth containing both wool and cotton).

It is proposed to build a knitting mill at Clinton, S. C., and P. S. Bailey is interested. York Cotton Mills, Yorkville, S. C., has contracted for the coming machinery for its additional building mentioned last week. This machinery has been purchased from White Machine Works, Whitinsville, Mass., through Stuart W. Cramer, mill engineer, Charlotte, N. C. The additional building is a two-story structure 51x30 feet. There are 20,264 spindles in this mill.

Lumber Notes.

Mr. C. L. Hardy of Lecomble, La., has completed arrangements to begin at once the erection of one of the largest sawmills in that section of Louisiana. The plant will be located near the Texas & Pacific Railroad depot in Lecomble.

The Cotton Bros. Cypress Co., Limited, of Morgan City, La., started its new sawmill on the 2nd inst. This mill has been under construction for several months and is not fully completed. The capacity is 50,000 feet per day. Ground has been broken at New Iberia, La., for the erection of the \$500,000 sawmill plant to be built by local capitalists. The machinery is beginning to arrive, and switches are being laid for transportation of same to mill grounds.

A BUFFALO SCANDAL

Sifting of the Evidence in Sensation of National Interest

BURDICK'S DAUGHTER A WITNESS.

She is Only Sixteen Years Old, But Gave Testimony in a Satisfactory Manner.

Buffalo, Special.—Miss Marion Burdick, the pretty, rosy-cheeked daughter of Edwin L. Burdick, was the most interesting witness at the inquest before Judge Murphy. Marion is 16 years old and bears a striking resemblance to her mother. Like Mrs. Hull, she volunteered no information. She answered in monosyllables, whenever possible, it was "yes" or "no." When those replies would not suffice she used as few words as possible. She was not easily confused and there was no sign of agitation or emotion when the district attorney questioned her. She was asked if she had any recollection of the events that had occurred at her father's house when she was murdered. Attorney Cotsworth began by speaking kindly to the girl, and carefully choosing his words in putting questions to her. Later he fired questions in rapid succession, all of which were met with replies both sharp and decisive. At one time when the district attorney asked the same question several times, the girl caused a murmur in the court room by raising her voice sharply in a clear emphatic, "I don't know." Nothing of importance was elicited from her while she was on the stand and the district attorney gave up in despair.

She said that Grandmother Hull first informed her that her father was ill in his "den." That was before Dr. Alvey arrived and before Mrs. Hull knew positively regarding her own testimony, that it was Burdick's body lying on the couch. The district attorney tried to get Marion to tell why she apparently took so little interest in her father's illness when she was told of it by her grandmother. Marion replied that she knew that when it was proper for her to know Grandmother Hull would tell her. She loved her father and he had always been good to her, but she would not admit that there was anything wrong in her not inquiring about his illness or that she should have done differently. Marion admitted that she knew of the divorce proceedings instituted by Mr. Burdick against her mother. She sympathized with her father, but would not admit that she thought he was right in driving her mother from home. Neither would she admit that she knew of her mother meeting Arthur R. Pennell.

Dr. Wm. M. Marcy, the family physician and first person to see the dead body after the murderer covered it up, was the first witness of the day. Dr. Marcy admitted that he told Dr. Howland, the medical examiner, that it was suicide, or looked suicidal, if he could be all the better for the family would be in a case of suicide. Later he agreed with Dr. Howland that the suicide theory was untenable. Dr. Marcy was sharply questioned on his suicide statement and in telling why he made it.

"Well, thought it would save Burdick's good name, I saw him almost drowsed lying on the couch, and I saw the lunch on the table, especially as the divorce proceedings had been started."

The witness said Mrs. Hull had not asked him at any time how Burdick had been killed. He thought that had a woman there, in response to Attorney Hertzfeld's questions, Dr. Marcy said he had come to the conclusion that Burdick was killed between midnight and 1 o'clock the morning.

"When you first looked at the body did you see the wounds on the head and brains scattered about?" "Yes, sir."

"And you had the idea that it might be a case of suicide?" "Well, I did not know, I had not considered."

"The fact that there were pillows piled upon the body was confirmation of your suicide theory?" Attorney Hartsell brought out the interesting fact that the gas in the hall and in the den was lighted by an electric appliance. By pushing the button the gas could be lighted. By pressing another button it was extinguished. On the night after the murder it was found that the electric arrangement did not work. An investigation showed that some one had turned off the gas in the den instead of extinguishing it by means of the button.

The attorney's purpose in bringing out this fact was to show that whoever was in the house on the night of the murder was not familiar with the electric arrangement for turning out the gas.

Wm. V. Delahunt, the cabman who took an unknown man from in front of the Tift House to the corner of Ashland avenue and Bryant streets, the night of the murder, told his story. "Did you afterwards see Arthur R. Pennell in the district attorney's office?" asked District Attorney Cotsworth.

"Yes, sir." "When you were asked in my office if he was the man you had taken to Ashland and Bryant streets, what was your reply?" "I said I could not tell. The man looked like the same. I could not swear that it was Pennell."

The hackman then told of taking a party of three on the night of the murder from the corner of North Division street to the corner of Summer and Ashland streets. She walked down Ashland street in the direction of Burdick's house. He saw the same woman about two hours later down town, but could not say whether she was the same woman he had seen on West Tupper street.

One Rascal Captured.

Spartanburg, Special.—On Wednesday two genteel looking white men giving as their names Morris and Bray, hired a team from Dillingham & Co.'s stables and drove in the night to the farm of Mr. S. H. Moore and Fairmont, they were advertising themselves as representatives of the house of Sears & Roebuck of Chicago, Ill., manufacturers of wagons, buggies, pianos, organs, etc. These men in their travel met up with Moore and Fairmont, they were Moore and Fairmont, they were advertising themselves as representatives of the house of Sears & Roebuck of Chicago, Ill., manufacturers of wagons, buggies, pianos, organs, etc. These men in their travel met up with Moore and Fairmont, they were Moore and Fairmont, they were advertising themselves as representatives of the house of Sears & Roebuck of Chicago, Ill., manufacturers of wagons, buggies, pianos, organs, etc. These men in their travel met up with Moore and Fairmont, they were Moore and Fairmont, they were advertising themselves as representatives of the house of Sears & Roebuck of Chicago, Ill., manufacturers of wagons, buggies, pianos, organs, etc.

Caught in Georgia.

Chesterfield, Special.—Several weeks ago one John Horton, colored, was arrested on a charge of infanticide, and worst of all, it was a white woman who was his accomplice. This was near Catarrh, in the western part of the country. By some means the negro managed to escape and immediately disappeared. Knowing that the negro had relatives in Georgia, Sheriff D. B. Douglas wrote the authorities there asking them to look out for him. In a short time a telegram came announcing his capture. Sheriff Douglas at once left for the place, Greenville, Ga., and in a few days returned with the prisoner, who is now in jail here awaiting trial. The negro was captured at the same town as will Brewer, colored, just one year ago. Brewer was the negro who killed Albert Mann, at Hornsboro, this county.

Emigrant Agent Arrested.

Greenwood, Special.—Some excitement existed for a short time Sunday afternoon among the colored population, caused by the arrest of Mily Ann Bush, a negro female emigration agent. For some time crowds of negro women and as a result, there has been and is a great scarcity of coolies and house servants. The Bush woman was arrested by Chief McMillan, and at the preliminary hearing before Judge Austin this afternoon she was bound over to the circuit court and bond fixed at \$500. The woman is a native of this county. An old negro man present at the trial made a side remark on the situation that was somewhat amusing. He said, "Don't know what gwine ter becum 'er de niggers; one-half uv dem gwine ter de debil, and de other half ter New York."

Marion, Special.

The trial of Josephine Burns was ended Sunday morning at 2:30 o'clock by a verdict of not guilty to the charge of murder, and guilty as to carrying concealed weapons. Judge Townsend imposed a fine of \$20 which was promptly paid and the young woman was released from custody.

Telegraphic Briefs.

Jubilee gifts were presented to Pope Leo from the Diocese of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Dallas, Texas.

King Victor Emmanuel decorated Rev. William Hurt, head of the American Methodist work among the Italians.

The Czar's manifesto decreeing religious toleration in Russia has created a sensation throughout Europe.

The debate in the French Chamber of Deputies on the religious orders was continued.

Standard Oil in Cotton.

Boston, Mass., Special.—Back of the present movement in cotton and the coming consolidation of various cotton producing companies are Standard Oil men, whose representatives are backing both sides of the market and seeking to carry out plans which Standard Oil had for some time had in mind of controlling the cotton trade of the country through the improved marketing process. Scuttly, the big cotton ball, is a protégé of Gen. S. M. Weld of Boston, father of the Planters' Congress company, and Scuttly's broker, in connection with the Standard Oil men, is A. C. Burrage, of Boston, a Standard Oil man, who has just been elected a director in the Planters' Congress. Burrage backed Price's cotton last year and proffed \$1,000,000 by the way. Mr. Burrage is a Standard Oil man, who has an interest in the Planters' Congress and they are working to secure control of the American cotton trade.

Two Accidents.

Charleston, S. C., Special.—A News and Courier special from Sumter, S. C., says: "John P. Laughner, manager and one of the proprietors of the Lukens Lumber Company, of this city, was fatally injured late Friday afternoon by the explosion of the fly wheel of the saw mill engine. A flying fragment of iron struck him in the forehead, crushing the skull and face. He was taken to the infirmary, but nothing could be done for him and the doctors say he cannot live."

Asheville Oil in Prospect.

Asheville, N. C., Special.—The first work of sinking a well to find oil and gas will begin Monday on Dr. J. T. Baird's farm on Beaver Dam, five miles from Asheville. The building of the well will begin this week. This considerable lumber and tackle to be used in its construction has already been hauled to the spot and the contractors who will erect the derrick are here ready to start Monday. The builders are E. W. Litten and Wm. Beal, of South Carolina. These gentlemen are professional derrick builders and are thoroughly familiar with the work. They said that the wells in West Virginia were at least 3,000 feet deep and that the cost of making a test here would be over \$15,000.

Tried to Murder Family.

Huntsville, Ala., Special.—Jos. Powers, a young white man of New Market, Ala., attempted to exterminate a whole family near that place Friday. Powers had a difficulty with John Winkle a few days ago and determined to get revenge. He called at Winkle's home today and opened fire upon the family through a window. Five people were shot, including Winkle, a baby and two women. Winkle's son was shot in the eye. Immediately after the shooting Powers took a train for Texas.

Justice Day's Illness Serious.

Washington, Special.—The Associated Press is informed by a member of the family of Justice Day, of the United States Supreme Court, that he is suffering from a severe attack of grip. His condition, it is admitted, is serious. Mrs. Day and two sons are here today. Two other sons, one at the University of Michigan and the other at a school in Ashville, N. C., are being kept closely advised as to their father's illness.

Another Restraining Order.

Kansas City, Special.—An injunction was granted to the Kansas City Transfer Company against the Team Drivers' International Union, No. 45, and the sympathizers of the strike, by Judge John P. Phillips of the United States District Court. The action was brought on the ground that the complainants are government cartmen, being employed by the government in transporting bonded goods.

A New Merger.

Raleigh, N. C., Special.—J. S. Wynne, secretary and treasurer of the Raleigh Cotton Mills, of this city, is authority for the statement that a new Fries merger will be formed by the aid of New York capitalists and that the consolidation is expected to be effected early in April. The Raleigh mills will enter the combination.

Miscellaneous Matters.

Cotton prices again slumped on the New York Exchange.

Ira D. Sankey, the evangelist, it is believed has permanently lost the sight of one eye.

The Buffalo police detained and questioned in connection with the Burdick murder mystery, Miss Marion Hutchinson, a former clerk for Edwin L. Burdick, but released her for lack of evidence.